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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF  
JOHN CHOATE

APPLICATION NO: 10/780,476

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ART UNIT: 3736

EXAMINER: J. HOEKSTRA

FOR: METHOD TO REDUCE INFLAMMATION  
AND TACTILE FINGER SENSATION DEFICIT  
DUE TO CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME OR  
ARTHRITIS

PETITION FOR WAIVER OF \$510 EXTENSION FEE

I, John Choate, above applicant request waiver of the \$510 3 month extension fee to reply to the Office Action dated October 13, 2006. In my file, in September 2006, you will observe I asked to have a new address for communications. The new address was not used. When the office action was mailed to the former address, the post office returned the mail to the USPTO without notifying me. I was unaware of the action until last month when my attorney checked PAIR and said to get the response in, which response is attached. I feel I was diligent in observing for any procedure or notice. I am small business, a private inventor, and as these fees accumulate, they result in a hardship. Or in other words, besides this avoidable extension fee, I have nine times this amount in unavoidable maintenance, application and issue fees due and payable in the next six months, if I am to continue inventing.

I am enclosing the \$100 fee for this petition. If the \$510 is waived, open an account in my name and drop it in that account.



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